



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Green Space Advisory Board

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Chairperson Jayson Graves, Vice Chairperson Joe Bruce

*Members: Stephanie Bennett, Richard Bosler, Jeff Duperon, Chander Malhotra, Brian
McCurdy, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk
Council Member Jason Carlock
Youth Representatives: Dev Shah and Christina Wang*

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

*Chairperson Graves called the Green Space Advisory Board meeting to order
at 6 p.m.*

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Joe Bruce, Jayson Graves, Heidi Morris, Susan Strunk, Chander Malhotra,
Brian McCurdy, Stephanie Bennett, Richard Bosler and Jeff Duperon

Non-voting members present: Matt Einheuser, Jason Carlock, Dev Shah.

Non-voting members absent: Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade, Christina Wang.

*Members Ken Elwert, Lauren Oxlade, Christina Wang provided prior notice that
they would be unable to attend and asked to be excused.*

Others present: Melanie Mitchell and Rhonda Yates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2026-0257](#) *Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 24, 2026*

Attachments: [3-24-26 GSAB Minutes Draft.pdf](#)
[3-24-26 GSAB Minutes Master.pdf](#)

*Jason Carlock noted he was listed on the minutes as a voter, this needs to be
changed as he is a non-voting member.*

**A motion was made by Malhotra, seconded by Bosler that this matter be
Approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye 9 - Bruce, Graves, Morris, Strunk, Malhotra, McCurdy, Bennett, Bosler and
Duperon

STAFF REPORT

Matt Einheuser informed members that the Stream Bank Stabilization projects at Innovation Hills and Eagles Landing are complete and have held up against recent heavy rains. They are seeded with native vegetation and remain open pending successful growth.

Einheuser explained that over the last month, Stantec has been completing garlic mustard treatments at the newly renamed Carvey green space (formerly Harding green space) and Innovation Hills green Space. They also completed general herbaceous treatments for invasives at Ruby Green Space. Prior to this, back in April, they were completing woody invasives at Clear Creek.

Einheuser mentioned that Staff had a successful Volunteer Garlic Mustard Pull at Carvey green space in the rain! Staff also hosted a volunteer garlic mustard pull during the week at Ruby.

Einheuser briefed members that the city is in the process of purchasing the Property just north of Nowicki. The city is currently completing the phase 1 environmental assessment. Discussion ensued.

Einheuser communicated that Staff completed a Woody Debris survey along the Clinton River to address safety and erosion control ahead of the Paddlepalooza event on Saturday, June 6th. He indicated that staff does a large cleanup annually prior to Paddlepalooza.

Einheuser thanked GSAB members for volunteering and supporting OAK in the Hills. We had over 1000 people attend. Members discussed possibly having a banner and a giveaway to bring more people to the Green Space table in future years. Discussion ensued.

Einheuser mentioned that Wednesday, July 15th we are doing a volunteer cleanup in partnership with the Clinton River Watershed Council at the Bee property to clear debris from the gully.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Mitchell had several questions for members. She inquired about the name change of Harding to Carvey, what properties and stewardship plans the board has, how to get involved and volunteer and if meadows or prairies would be part of green spaces. Matt Einheuser explained the stewardship plan for the properties and how we annually review the budget to take care of these properties. He explained that there is a naming committee, and since green spaces typically take on the name of the road they are on, it was decided to change Harding to Carvey to honor him for his founding green space efforts. Jayson Graves indicated that they are looking to create Monarch butterfly areas in each green space, which are generally prairie areas. Discussion of questions ensued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Oak in the Hills

Oak in the Hills - See staff report.

NEW BUSINESS

Streambank Stabilization Project Update / Hike

Einheuser lead members on a hike and to look at the Eagles Landing streambank stabilization project.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Graves adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Melissa Zaborski.

*Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ 2026
Regular Green Space Advisory Board Meeting.*

Jayson Graves, Chairperson